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The Proposed Microsoft Settlement should not allow what it does allow.
It is like a muzzle that hasn't been fastened.

Some say that Microsoft has, by various direct and indirect means, purchased this ominously favorable outcome. Supposing this cynical opinion were true, then those who have done the selling should reconsider, if only out of delayed self-interest. The reason being that if they "look the other way" today, (in so manifest an instance of duty), their reputation as guardians of the public interest will diminish tomorrow, so that their services would very probably be seen as hardly necessary. Any office whose duty evaporates, and devolves into a meek sinecure, can't expect much in the way of future emoluments.